

Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN)
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North Carolina Gun Law: *Disposal of a Firearm*

If you need to dispose of a firearm, please call your nearest law enforcement office and request that an officer pick it up. Firearms may be taken to any police department or sheriff's office for disposal.

Pocket-size cards detailing many North Carolina firearm statutes are available to the public by Project Safe Neighborhoods. Please call 560-4438 x29230 to request cards for your community or organization.

PSN: What's Coming Up in 2015?

Project Safe Neighborhoods' 2015 initiatives include *GunStoppers*, a partnership with CrimeStoppers, to encourage residents to report illegal firearms in the community. Up to \$500 will be awarded to persons reporting illegal firearms when a felony arrest is made.

In collaboration with the Durham Police Department and Durham County Sheriff's Office, Project Safe Neighborhoods co-sponsored *Active School Shooter* training for Durham Public Schools principals and assistant principals.

Later this year, Project Safe Neighborhoods will partner with Thomas Mentor Leadership Academy and the Durham Housing Authority.

ONE SIMPLE THING YOU CAN DO to Prevent Gun Crime in Your Community:

Keep your Children Safe

Many parents take for granted that their children know not to pick up, or play with, guns. Our children are too precious to take this matter lightly. Please teach your children not to touch firearms but to immediately notify a responsible adult if they see a gun.

Pointers for Parents: *Five Important Lessons to Teach Your Children*

Settle arguments with words, not fists or weapons. Don't stand around and form an audience when others are arguing.

Learn safe routes for walking in the neighborhood, and know good places to seek help. Know how to contact your parents in the event of an emergency.

Learn to work out your problems without fighting. If you're feeling angry toward someone, talk it out, walk away, stick with friends, or speak with a trusted adult. Try to think of some new ways to settle your problems without violence.

If you find a gun – stop, don't touch the gun, get away, and tell a grown-up you trust.

Report any crimes or suspicious activities to police, school authorities, and parents.

PSN in Your Neighborhood

February 5: DHA Cornwallis Community

February 7: Law Enforcement Memorial Service